

1. (withdrawn) In combination with a swimming pool and a grating, said swimming pool having a gutter including straight sections and curved sections and an edge, said grating being spaced a predetermined distance from said edge including said straight and said curved sections, a top surface of said grating is located substantially at the same level as a surface of said edge and a surface of a pool deck into which said gutter is installed, said grating including a multiple of grate bars, said grate bars are oriented parallel to each other and said edge while maintaining the same radius in said curved sections, means for connecting said multiple of grate bars to each other in a longitudinal direction including said curved sections.

2. (withdrawn) The grate bars of claim, wherein said grate bars are formed by injection molding.

3. (withdrawn) The grating of claim [2] 1, wherein said means for connecting said grate bars in said longitudinal direction to each other are a recess in one end of said grate bar and a protruding tongue in another end of said grate bar.

4. (withdrawn) The grating of claim [2] 1, wherein said means for connecting said grate bars in a direction normal to said edge of said pool is a rod passing through all of said multiple of said grate bars.

5. (withdrawn) The grating of claim 4 including means on each end of said rod to prevent a movement of said rod in any direction.

6. (withdrawn) The grating of claim [2] 1, wherein said means for spacing are narrow spacing webs protruding from one side of said grate bars.

7. (withdrawn) The grating of claim [2] 1, wherein said grate bars are of an I shape.

8. (withdrawn) The grating of claim 1 including ribs embedded in a surface of each of said grate bars to induce a resistance to slipping of wet feet.

9. (currently amended) A method of assembling a grating for a swimming pool, said pool having edges including curvatures, and a gutter spaced from said edge including curvatures corresponding to said edge curvatures constructed in a deck of said pool,

Said grating including a multiple of grate bars that are connected to each other in a longitudinal direction, said method comprising the steps of:

assembling a multiple of said grate bars parallel to each other and parallel to said pool edge on said gutter in an elevated position,

clamping said assembled grate bars into a unit and thereafter drilling a hole through all of said clamped bars,

passing a rod through all of said drilled holes and fixing each end [ends] of said rod to prevent a movement of said rod in any direction,

Thereafter lowering said assembled grating into said gutter to be substantially flush with said deck and a surface of water in said pool.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, including the step of bending all of said assembled grate bars to correspond to said curvatures in said gutter prior to the step of drilling said [through] holes through said grate bars.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said step of assembling said grate bars in an elevated position includes the step of placing a support block in said gutter [an] and placing an adjustment jig on a top surface of said support block.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, including passing a multiple of said rods in a multiple of locations along said assembled grate bars including [any of] said curvatures.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, including placing clamping bars on top and below said grate bars prior to [the] said step of drilling, clamping said clamping bars together, providing a drilling pilot hole through said clamping bars to assure an exact drilling through said assembled grate bars.